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TURE is the old cure, the only | bined with wealth, would naturally both

win and deserve the most coveted position

Experiences of a Woman Lecturer.

No public speaker should ever apologize

apology. To apologize for the subject or

the briefest explanation only should be of-

not to be late, but accidents to cars, etc.,

cannot always be escaped. Once in Brook-

lyn a blizzard had stopped the cars so that connections necessary for me to make were

impossible. Nor could a cab be found; there

was nothing to do but wait, and on a cold

corner; the audience in the hall waited

three-quarters of an hour. Not long ago

when staging through the redwoods of Cal-

where I was due on the platform at

o'clock, a delay occurred far up the moun-

tain. It seemed impossible to reach the

town in season, but furious driving on the

down grade, with gasping passengers hold-

ing on for safety, finally landed me at my

a quarter to 8. That audience had to wait

fifteen minutes for me to remove some of

the dust and be able to speak, and so great

had been the effect on the eyes of the jolt-

ing drive that when the platform was

reached I could see nothing straight; it

would have been impossible to speak from

be prepared for any emergency. Wet or

must be kept, and only once have I known a

storm to be too severe to prevent the as-

Why Australian Women Are Voting.

The women of Australia have not made

a thousandth part of the effort to obtain

this electoral privilege that has been put

forth by those of the United States. Why,

then, have they gained in a dozen years

what the latter have not been able to

obtain in fifty? Beyond the conditions

noted above the liberality of a new coun-

miliarity with the idea-below all these

sentiment in Australia, it is doubtful if

woman suffrage could have received a

majority vote of the individual electors in

a single State-certainly not in one con-

taining a large city. The opposition

could have defeated it by means which

do not have to be described in detail. But

If the Congress of the United States

probable that sufficient influence could

have been brought to bear some years

ago to secure such action; but this body

an amendment to the Federal Constitu-

pass a bill which would confer full suf-

frage on its women, there is no doubt that

States. But all that any Legislature has

white or black, native or foreign, edu-

right to say whether women shall share

his sovereign political power. It is hardly

necessary to add that the majority usually

decide that she shall not. There is no

other nation in the world which makes it

immigration, the constantly augumenting

power of the party "machine," and the

growing doubts as to the advantages of

these difficulties threaten to increase in-

who do believe in justice and equal rights

should stand by women in this most un-

Waste in the Kitchen.

Years ago while helping a rich neighbor

lesson in kitchen wastefulness. We were

shelling peas for dinner, and when done I

whose actual avoirdupois was over 300

pounds, crawled over the floor stretched

Girl like, I laughed at her for taking so

dough scrapings left in the pan, etc., and

cated or ignorant, moral or vicious-the

legislative bodies and their de-

Ida Husted Harper, in Washington Post.

sembling of an audience.

legislative action, while

cision was final.

destination, dust-covered and breathless, at

ifornia, from the coast to an inland town.

Florence Jackson, in Harper's Weekly.

among the high and the mighty.

Household Lore, Beauty, Philosophy and Other Subjects in Which are short fitted coats. The three-quarter Women are Especially Concerned

cure, for the dessication that follows upon too mechanical and too material a life, says "The Point of View" man in Scribner's Magazine. She brings us nearer to the of "return upon one's self" brings clerking and professionalizing is of the fered. Naturally a lecturer must endeavor of a sheer perversion of function. It has had to be, in order to establish cerrived, how great the gain may be to all

Agriculture is destined, sooner or later, to be no longer the crass, circumscribed bucolic occupation of other days, but liberal profession, embracing a knowledge of the physiology of the earth and of the products that grow out of it, and a philosophy of economics that understands the ne- notes. These accidents prove that one must cessities of demand and supply by which dry though the weather be, an engagement these products are kept moving over the surface of the globe. The nervous intensity, the push and the drive, that have been developed in the life of cities will not stop entirely, as they have done in the past, at the farmer's threshold. Facilities of transportation will bridge over the gap between the urban and the rural existence, and other causes will bring about an ever greatof life. This is inevitable. Meantime we might get something of the same result, on a smaller scale, by having women, to whom we shall look obstinately for much of the spiritualization of the race, try, the influence of the Labor party, faconstitute themselves more and more the custodians of the benignant influences that come from the soil. In the new interest lies the root of the whole matter. Sufthat has sprung up in nature-study the frage can be extended in Australia by softer sex has borne a prominent part. But mankind is so constituted that what it works in affects it more than what it plays | States it must be granted by the existing Much of the present feeling for natural things is play. A life of practical concern with what nature produces and can be made to yield in hard money cannot be play. And there are women in whom it might have unexpected results-results of more account to the world at large than the consequences of much feminine work at desks and in offices.

## Getting Into Society.

Baltimore American. But the mystery of those whose greatness in social matters seems to be thrust | the women of the whole nation, it is upon them gives rise to the question: "How did the So and Sos get in?" They are not particularly attractive, they have no fam- has power only to submit for ratification ily backing, even wealth, the important tion, and there is a very strong sentiment factor of much success, is not theirs to any against any further amending of that great extent. Doubtless in most cases where | document. If a State Legislature could such persons have attained a good and strong position, it is due to the fact that | they could exert enough pressure to obthey have attracted influential people, who tain such a law in a large number of have taken a fancy to them for some rea- authority to do is to sumbit the question son and thus their greatness has been in a to the electors. This gives to every manmeasure "thrust upon them."

Such a problem was under discussion

at a luncheon recently, and one of the women, who really knew society from A to Z, having inherited a good name, and belonging to a prominent family, yet who was broad and democratic enough to see both fun and good in many sets and cliques, so hard for women to secure the frandeclared that she did not believe "that money alone ever took people everywhere, for there would be always some closed doors to mere wealth, unless it was the setting to other and better things. Clever- a strictly democratic form of government, ness and tact were the qualities far more essential to rise in position than filthy stead of diminish. So much the more lucre, though naturally that would enable | necessary does it then become that those those gifts to shine with greater advantage." Said she: "Were I rich and unknown, yet felt I was entitled to something | equal contest. from having a good education and natural brightness, I would go about social matters very slowly, and in such a manner that no one could charge me with having pushed or scuffled in my aim for society honors. Now, supposing my means were unlimited, the first thing that I would do | cook for harvest hands, I received my first would be to buy one, or, perhaps, two houses in the most fashionable locality. through a smart broker, a woman instead of a man, for if she took a fancy to me | hurried to the sink with the pan while she, she could help me socially. I would then pull down entirely my purchase and have built by the best architect in the country a beautiful modern house, spacious and under the lounge and into corners for the comfortable, but not overbearing in style. | dozen (more or less) that had popped from | cakes. Flour and meal should always be would keep myself completely in the our hands during the shelling operation. sifted before measuring. background, so there would be a mystery at least about my appearance and person- much trouble for a handful of peas "That's aifty. During the time that my house was | the way we get our wealth," she replied, building I would interest myself quietly and thereupon the oft-repeated tales of and unostentationsly in all the popular charities, the great schemes for the city's the details of the scrimping and saving that adornment, and in some educational fea- enabled them to rise from poverty to afture of the community so as to endear myself by reputation with the really best | never changed my mind, that she, dear | well with ammonia water. Use a full tablethings. I would never be loud either in my woman, wasted more time and precious enactions or my dress. I would never ask | ergy than the peas were worth. A broom a single person to my house who had not | would have sent them to the chickens or called first or shown me some attention. swillpail and the loss from the table been freezing atmosphere. To prevent this make I would never allow myself to be swamped unnoticed. The principle, "Waste not, by middle-class people, who naturally would | want not," is a good one, and "Gather up be the first to recognize that I might be- the fragments that nothing be lost" all come a social power. I would be polite and | right, but care is necessary that greater courteous always, but never intimate with | value be not exchanged for the lesser, and them. I would act as if society meant not to "Save at the spigot and waste at nothing to me, and that home life and the the bung." In the farm kitchen actually town's true interests were what appealed nothing need be wasted. Having myself to me. Then, depend upon it, before I had | tried faithfully from time to time to utilize been settled long in my new home the leftovers by the addition of eggs. butter, smartest and most desirable people would cream, spice, sugar, onions or celery, and visit me. Still pursuing my policy of dig- then have something for the swillpail at last | do not put it in boiling water, which will nity, and going slowly. I would make no of more value than the original material, set the stain. Put the cloth in cold water vulgar display in entertaining, and in the I have concluded that the bulk of the and the stain can be very easily removed. end greatness would be thrust upon me, housekeeper's efforts must be centered on The same rule applies to any dishes stained his plots mere incidents.

# Fashion's Decrees on What to Wear; Gossip on Subject of Pretty Gowns



elaborate plan. These are made as com- fixture, and it is hardly likely to become voite trimmed with shirring and pattern plex as may be, many of them being es- much trimmed, a turn to more elaborate work in light tan cord. A passementeric in which blue was found trimmed this last pecially noticeable for the complexity of finish seems probable as the next change yoke. Calling costumes are to keep up to nizable adaptations of the bolero, and more coat is a bygone so far as the preparation of new gowns is concerned. Blouses are ished prettily though without great elaboration with lace, which comes in yoke and

appliques, or in the latter only. The actual yokes or the yoke effects of new bodices are of much depth, extending wide and may follow the yoke faithfully, or may turn away to edge the fronts. The The number of finely fitted backs has increased, too. Basques of long ago are reeral return to bolero jacket fashions, though as usual the original little jacket is subjected to the freest kind of modification

siderate husbandman) have the leftovers. So much for the cook. Along other lines of wastefulness, many a tin pan or kettle is replaced by new when a few cents invested in a soldering iron and a stick of solder used discriminately would prolong its use fulness indefinitely. Thoughtful care will save many a bushel of coal or of wood by building no larger fire than is needed, then plan work to utilize heat for as many things as the range will accommodate at once. Do not waste strength standing to churn, pare apples, potatoes and look over fruit, or by running up and down cellar a dozen times when half a dozen times might be made to answer the same purpose. This same strength can be utilized by calling on neighbors in the afternoon and recuperating vitality for another day's work.

#### Some Toothsome Dishes. The Housekeeper.

Scalloped Onions: Slice boiled onions in one-half-inch slices, cut slices in halves well-buttered baking dish. Cover with a edies and histories. Of these there is no with a layer of buttered crumbs, garnish edge with small triangles of stale bread and 'Julius Caesar' is equal to anything he brushed over with melted butter; place in oven until thoroughly heated through and crumbs are browned on top

Celery, Orange and Nut Salad: Remove the skins from fine large Florida oranges. Cut them in one-fourth-inch slices, cut slices in strips, then in cubes; add an equal quantity of English walnut or hickory-nut at them, five in each division; meats broken in pieces (do not chop them) the question was decided by the picked and half the quantity of the tenderest parts in small pieces. Arrange in nest of endive, or in the heart leaves of head lettuce, or lettuce may be shredded could by a single enactment enfranchise with shears, and arranged in nests. Serve with French dressing.

Glace Sweet Potatoes: Scrub one-half dozen slender sweet potatoes of a uniform size, parboil until skins may be easily removed, drain, remove skins, cool slightly and cut them in halves lengthwise. Lay them in a well-greased baking dish, spread them thickly with butter and sprinkle with sugar; add one-fourth cup boiling water | ure add five more-'Cymbeline,' 'Henry V,' and bake until tender, basting often with 'Twelfth Night,' 'King John' and 'Merry the syrup in pan. Serve with roast goose, pork, turkey or fried chicken.

Orange Marmalade: Take a dozen juicy, sour oranges, and their weight in granulated sugar. Grate the yellow peel from half a dozen, and take off the underlying white skin. Cut all the oranges across into very thin slices. Free from seeds, core and sectional membrane. Drain the juice, mix with the sugar, and boil fifteen minutes. Skim clear. Add grated rind, with the rest of orange peel and pulp, and boil thirty minutes, or longer if wished very thick. Keep in little jars or jelly glasses. Cover chise, and, with the immensely increasing | with paraffin paper before closing up,

## Odds and Ends.

ful disinfectants. Water added to sour milk will give better

results than adding sweet milk. A small bag of sulphur kept where there are red ants will quickly disperse them. To brighten carpets wipe them with warm water into which has been poured a few drops of ammonia. Rub curtain poles with a piece of old

will slip more easily. Use plenty of soda in the kitchen sink. It prevents pipes from clogging with grease and is very cleansing.

Water bottle and cruets may be easily cleaned with shot and soapsuds. Save the shot in a small bottle to use again. One part of cornstarch to two parts of bread flour is equal to pastry flour for

A newspaper is preferable to tea leaves when sweeping a carpet. Have it entirely damp and then tear in small pieces, crumple up in the hand and scatter over the floor. After sweeping a room, go over the carpet | umn, is too expensive for the ordinary with either a sponge or old flannel-as they fluence followed. I thought then, and have | neither leave lint-that has been moistened | brary. spoonful to a quart of warm water.

> In winter delicate fabrics are easily torn a weak brine of the last rinsing water by adding three or four handfuls of salt. Before relaying carpets, after the fall housecleaning, sprinkle over the floor some strong-smelling liquid or powder that will act as a preventive to moths or other insects. Red pepper, gum camphor, tobacco, borax, and, indeed, numerous other things are good for this purpose.

In washing linen that is stained with egg "counting noses" and closely calculating on | with egg. Do not rub them with the other The listeners were thrilled, and decided how much to cook for each meal, then gen- dishes in hot water, but try cold water on speare's men and fifteen of his women that girl of fourteen years of age will be reunanimously that such cleverness, com- erally let the runt pig (gift from the con- i them.

RECTION tailor sultings are not very plain, though some winter. Dresses of it that toward the end gowns in all the velvet weaves continue to be char
of them seem so by comparison with the elaborateness of dressmakers' product, estinue to be char
of them seem so by comparison with the elaborateness of dressmakers' product, estinue to be char
pecially as to skirts. Yet in the tailor de
ing shades, but is especially noticeable both acterized by the ut- signs are an impressive number of suits for abundance and for striking appearance most severity of noticeable for complexity of cut and infinish. The rich- dividuality of finish. Walking suits with berness of the goods supplies excuse aness of the goods short skirts still are to be severely plain, plenty for the trimming even when applied gives to these plain so apparently the tailor suit with long skirt, in delicate shades it often happens that the gowns a distinction is to be plainly distinguished from the spangling seems not to have been needed. that equally plain | other. Three of the new crop were sketched | And when such is the case, no matter what cloth suits would for these pictures by the artist. The first tion not be sure of by was a brown cheviot serge, with sleeve | Gowns graded in the reception classificaany means. Even puffs of brown silk and with brown braid tion have been ornate affairs all season with this advan- trimmings ending in fringe. In rear view beauties or of their novel features as Lent tage the velvet is seen a blue Venetian finished with draws near. During this period there is tailor-made must stitched and pinked circular folds. Last is be exquisite as to shown a black cloth gown trimmed with special attention. The manner in which fit. Anything less embroidery in black and gold. The general they are being prepared is illustrated by than that counts showing of tailored clothes would indicate four new examples that the artist shows

their skirts. Braids and passementeries in dressy tailoring. It may be delayed for the pace set by reception dresses, not in are applied in quantity, and the use of some time, as current standards are not features and in individuality, so Lenten cloth appliques, usually in bands, but at going to be quite displaced in a hurry. calls will bring together a great man times in tabs or medallion-like pieces is Dressy waists of the separate order are gowns that will repay close attention very lavish. Color contrast often exists between the velvet and the cloth, so this between the velvet and the cloth, so this Matters of Feminine Interest form of embellishment is capable of much opposed to them is the liking for costumes degree of novelty such trimming hardly is diversity. Many of the bodices are recog- all in several tones of the same color. This worth while. Some new bodices show new dicate the performance of the best makers and designers. They are made either tight or slightly loose in back, while the front blouses a little. Their trimmings are very from there the size diminishes steadily to elaborate. Starting with a deep yoke or the armhole. The resulting absence of diseffect, there are added a bertha, brettelles | tinct puff is striking, while the size is ator trimming to match for the front, or the | tained that has been stylish all along, and latter may have a separate fine scheme of its own. Band trimming is either vertical line. Sleeves of this general sort may be or horizontal, more often the latter, and the quite plain or rather elaborate, though outside

sleeves are less complex than they have been, though they always bear some trimming, an ornate cuff if nothing more. New materials show a deal of yellow, of house attire, and plenty of interest is to be some of them so much of this color as to found in this field. Novel house dresses of hint that they are meant more for trimnings than for dress goods, but salesfolk new goods of embossed surface. Ground declare that these very goods will be just | and figure are of one color, or there may the thing as the material for entire dress- be pale blue or light pink figures on es. It does not seem at all likely, despite | white ground. This stuff is made up with the positiveness of these promises, that the vellows will displace the blues and greens | imitation of ermine fur. Gowns of it are that have been in view all winter. Pink excellent for show windows, and doubtless shades are various and not without new- will find purchasers for home wear among ness. Browns are present in profusion and the lovers of the distinctive and the pic while they naturally do not make the im- turesque. The house dresses about which pression that brighter colored fabrics do, there is no pretense of carelessness, though they are to be a factor well worth consid- they may be quite unelaborate, are usually eration in spring dressing. Many women who have not been altogether pleased with | These show much ribbon trimming, and it the offerings of blues and greens will welcome the stylishness of the browns. Chiffons have been much favored all winter as the materials of evening gowns, and there have been so many sorts that other is a stand-by, as usual, but is used mostly

stylish women were not content with them | the gown is of very simple grade. Spring models for tailoring in cloths and lalone. But chiffon ruled as a favorite all | New York, Feb.

here. In order from left to right they were much toward fail- that all was ready for a return to com- gray voile embroidered with black silk ure. In the strong- | plete severity were it not for that same | and cut princess; pale blue etamine, with est possible con- short-skirted suit, with which there must guipure yoke set off with pale blue silk velvet dresses on the be contrast. As the latter seems to be a with silk cording and lace, and light tan bertha, too, for anything goes that makes the trimming seem individual without apelbow or anywhere from there to the wrist according to the length of the sleeve, and there is no lessening of the long shoulder usually there is a band trimming down the

This is a time, too, for the consideration the negligee order are being made from little trimming. One variety of it is in good of etamines, voiles, wool crepes or silks ribbon on. Much Oriental trimming appears on these dresses, too, and is very ef fective in finishing the simpler models. Lace fabrics need not have been drawn upon for | in bands and flounces. Sleeve flounces often this purpose, though you may depend that | are of the most delicate laces, even when



TAILOR DESIGNS FOR SPRING.

## What Women Want to Know

[All questions pertaining to subjects on which story telling, listening to the plans and women desire information, religious subjects hopes of the little ones. The memory of excepted, will be answered in this column.]

Getting the Most from Sleep.

L. M.: Cultivate the habit of sleeping in an attitude which is healthy. It may seem absurd to suggest cultivating a habit while asleep, yet it can be done, and the health greatly improved thereby. One is really often startled by the extraordinary sleep, and yet the grown members of the family are doing the same foolish thing, only in a modified degree. The extreme weariness felt by many persons upon getlargely due to the unnatural position in is an especially stylish trick to faggot this which the body reposed during the night; the muscles have become strained, and worse than all else, the lungs have labored all night long without sufficient fresh air, the result being that the blood is poisoned by the gases and the whole system is debilitated. Beds which are too soft, springs which sag and too many soft pillows all will never enjoy refreshing sleep until the

## Amusing Restless Children.

Tired Mother: With her multiplicity of duties a mother should not attempt to plan and assist in playing the games with her children. Keeping up a series of entertainments for the children may instruct them, but it will also beget idle dependency and selfishness. Provide the little ones with games and materials with which to and bring out any talent they may possess. In this progressive age children receive too much ready-made knowledge, encourage them to be self-reliant and by sympathy and guidance show them how to do this and that but do not do it for them. Teach them above all else that toys and garments must be put away in an orderly manner. Taking the position that this work is easier to do yourself or by the maid than educating the children along this line, has spoiled many characters and made many thoughtless and selfish men and women who should have been helpful and a the latest fashion demands horizontal trim-To respect the rights of others should be inculcated in every child's mind as soon as it can understand. By systematic methods and tact you can plan to perform home and social duties and yet leave a little time for rest. By all means manage to spend a certain hour each day in reading and

this joyous twilight hour will never fade from their memory.

#### Health for Mental Workers.

Busy Woman: The fact that one's work s almost wholly mental is the more reason why the health should receive the very best of care. It is folly to say you haven't time, Nature will not endure half-way methods ndefinitely and poor mental efforts will be the result. To keep an active brain a healthy body, made vigorous by correct livng, is necessary. To overeat with too little exercise in the endeavor to keep up is a good deal like overfeeding an engine without removing the ashes. It would soon be out of business. Try the plan here suggested for a month and I am certain you will feel like a new woman. Rise a haif-hour earlier than is now your habit, take a quick sponge bath, using tepid water, and a good rubdown, with scrupulous care as to the details of the toilet. Eat a simple nourishing breakfast; no fried abominations, hot cakes or syrup to incite dyspepsia and superinduce dull mental action. A brisk walk of three or more blocks will bring a glow to the cheeks, and if deep breathing is practiced, all the better. Fresh air will do more than anything else to ward off colds and tone up the system. Dress sensibly in garments that are as light as is consistent with proper warmth and which will of the body and uncomfortable positions, A | allow proper freedom. At night walk a room kept at 75 or 80 degrees at night is | few blocks on the homeward journey, for it will be a relief after a day in an office. Slip off all the clothing and rest for half an hour before dressing for dinner. Bathe the face, brush and rearrange the hair, put on a fresh gown and the dinner will be 50 per cent. more enjoyable.

## Gowns Suitable for Weddings.

Elderly Mother: A handsome gown for you to wear at the wedding of your daughter may be fashioned of soft gray silk or roile, trimmed with rich lace of a deep on the bodice. Or the embroidery may be of black and white. The stylish toque or bonnet should be of black tulle, the edge and crown embroidered in steel and jet. black and white ostrich ponpon and aigrette of paradise plumes. If preferred, the gown may be of black ring-dotted net embroidered with jets and worn over a lining of white silk, preferably peau de soie. toque may be of black and white tulle, jet ornaments, black and white tips. Delicate heliotrope, silk, voile or one of the new crepes with trimmings of Venice lace dyed to match, cream white chiffon and inserted motifs of heliotrope, cream, gold and black are other combinations suggested which would be entirely suitable. While mings a woman inclined to embonpoint will eschew this mode and insist largely upon vertical lines. A skirt with a narrow front panel with side and back gores plaited at the top will be becoming. Outline the front panel and foot of skirt with a band of trimming, also the drop shoulder yoke and narrow vest to match or, with set-in lace. Have a narrow crush girdle

#### carefully boned and closely fitted. Improving a Wrinkled Skin.

M. H. D.: The too vigorous use of hot water, soap and the complexion brush will soon deprive the skin of its natural oil and cause it to look parched, wrinkled and coarse. While cleanliness is indispensable to health, it must not be overdone. Nature has supplied the skin with innumerable sebaceous glands which are constantly throwing off oil to prevent the very condition of which you complain; as nature's supply has been impoverished, you must resort to a lubricant to restore the soft texture of the skin. There is a vast difference between hot and warm water for facial treatment. The latter is essential to cleanliness, but hot water should only be used occasionally, and then only when absolutely necessary; it is too relaxing and roughening in its effects and will cause the face to "catch" the powder, no matter how little is used. Never neglect to follow the nightly face bath with a cold douche, to which may be added a few drops of tincture of benzoin to assist in toning up the skin.. Dry the face on a soft damask towel and in future use the brush only two or three times a week; it is too harsh for frequent use at the present time. Obtain a reliable emollient, almond oil is excellent, and use every night after the face bath, rubbing it in well, As you do not need to build out the face. use only enough to make the skin smooth, but not greasy. Wipe away any surplus that your skin fails to absorb with a clean towel

## Home Decoration Hints,

Mary: When selecting wall paper and

draperies remember that the general style of the room, its exposure and connections with other rooms as well as woodwork and any valuable furnishings you may have on hand must all be taken into consideration. While a person may have excellent taste it does not follow that she can decorate an interior acceptably without a great deal of thought and a well-formulated plan as a basis. It is an art that requires much practice. A piece of paper or a bit of carpet or drapery may look anything but desirable in the strip and yet possess an immense amount of style when correctly placed; or the reverse may be the case. Daintily pretty colors which appeal so strongly to the amateur become tiresome in a short time; light colors must be exquisite in quality and be well placed or they are likely to have a tawdry effect, accentuating every false line of architecture. Dark, subdued colors are always to be preferred. Unless one is very sure of one's own ability, it is money well invested to consult a decorator and obtain a scheme of colors, for the guidance of yourself and workmen, before beginning any work of this kind; then insist that all of the details be followed closely, for a little variation here and there is likely to upset the whole scheme of harmony, no matter how well planned it was in the beginning

## How to Read Shakspeare

Judge D. P. Baldwin Tells Women's Clubs the Way to Become Familiar with This Greatest of Bards



D. P. Baldwin gave a talk upon the above subject. In part he

'Midsummer Night's Dream,' ever wrote. It took me forty years to read I never expect to read again. Here is my choice of his greatest dramas, arranged Shakspeare?" in the divisions according to merit as I look

"Tragedies-'Lear,' 'Macbeth,' 'Othello,' "Histories-'Julius Caesar.' 'Autony and Cleopatra,' 'Henry IV,' 'Richard III,' 'Henry "Comedies-'Midsummer Night's Dream," 'Merchant of Venice,' 'As You Like It,

Winter's Tale,' 'Tempest.'

"If you master these fifteen plays you have the best, but by no means all of the best of the great poet's work. At your leis-

Wives of Windsor,' "When you read the above twenty plays read slowly. Read at the same time a tragedy, a comedy and a history. Read only when you are at your best. As soon as you are weary, cease reading. One can no more thrive physically upon a constant diet of sugar, honey and spices than thrive intellectually upon too much Shakspeare. It is too rich food. For this reason I get the best results out of what I may call occasional reading. In leisure half hours, when 'in the spirit,' dip now and then into some perfectly familiar play. Read it just as you read your New Testament. Often you may read the same act a score of times, and then the meaning of a line or two Roasted coffee is one of the most power- | will flash upon you in all of its beauty and splendor. To illustrate: I have read 'Richard III' at least a score of times, but never noticed these four lines in Act I, Scene III:

"Queen Margaret: 'I'll not believe but they ascend the sky And there awake God's gentle sleeping flannel dipped in kerosene, and the rings until I saw them a few days ago in Har-

The lips of those that breathe them in the

'Buckingham: 'Curses never pass

per's Magazine of January, 1904.

"As to editions of Shakspeare, Hudson's 'School Shakspeare,' in three volumes, will last you a lifetime. I once bought for a shilling in London, an odd volume of the Tragedies,' edited by Dyce, which has lasted me a dozen years. If you do not like Hudson, get early in life an edition in large clear type and upon heavy paper and then make it your life's companion, marking it as much as you please. It will become to you as dear as any other household treasure. Turner's Variorium Shakspeare, which has now reached about its twentieth col-

reader, but should be in every public li-

"In regard to Helps and Commentaries, there is a great Shakspeaean literature and endless books of comment, some good and others worthless. Of these I recommend Coleridge and Dowden. By all means read Taine, the Frenchman; while he is a very hostile critic, still it is well to have our great poet's faults and shortcomings before us as well as his transcendent merits. Among Taine's expressions concerning Shakspeare are 'divine brutality' and 'bondedly wise. But first and last be your of lace. This one includes a most satisfacown critic. You must not care to know | tory bertha and is white with the yoke and how our poet strikes some one else or bands of ecru point de gene, the two shades what somebody else thinks of him. The making a combination that is essentially question is, how does he strike you and smart. The waist is exceedingly simple what do you think of him? Shakspeare's made over a fitted lining that is faced to plots are only hooks upon which he hangs form the yoke. The bertha is circular and his characters; the latter are everything, laid in fine tucks at its upper edge that The speaker then named fifteen of Shak- of the sleeves. To make the waist for a

a woman's club, recently, Judge | as the Apostles. After which he continued: "Study his wonderful vocabulary and then room is kept much cooler and an abundance his equally wonderful phrases, short and of fresh air admitted during the night. long, and especially what is called his 'wisdom.' Colonel Ingersoll's lecture on Shakspeare points out some of those with wonderful brilliancy. "Don't read but memorize Shakspeare

Saturate yourself with him. Make him and his spirit a part of your mental and moral being by constant iteration and reiteration f you would get the best results from him Last week I found in the City Library book entitled 'How to Read Shakspeare, by Fleming, that is just the thing for club and personal uses. It contains invaluable hints, and, best of all, a splendid set of questions for the reader to answer. "It is an excellent plan, when you think you have mastered our great author's style, to take some of his 'touched up' plays, say 'Titus Andronicus,' and see if you can separate his sentences from those of the anknown writer of the play. And so with the dreary and interminable 'Henry VI. Aside from Jack Cade and the famous garden scene between the two roses, Lancaster and York, what portions are written by

## The Middle Ground.

They stood and sang of grief that comes In all men's hearts to dwell-The young, that knew not what it meant, The old, that knew too well.

And I, that am not young nor old, Sat still when they had sung, And shrank from growing old, and yet Would not again be young. -Katherine Warren, in February Century.



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